

Tow Law Urban District Council.

Grove Lodge,
TOW LAW.

11th. July, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members, of the
Tow Law Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

May I present the Annual Report of The Medical
Officer of Health for the year 1944.

Instructions have been received from the Ministry of Health that reports should be prepared upon much the same lines as those during the previous war years. Information is requested upon certain subjects e.g. Tuberculosis, which however, are not the responsibility of your authority. Arrangements have been made to preserve all records. The estimated population is 3,600. There have been no war-time industrial, military, or other important developments and a high proportion of the population has been employed upon work outside this area. There was no extension of water supply or sewerage works or other public utility undertakings during 1944. As regards water supply, the quality has been generally good with occasional sediment most probably the result of repair where it was not due to corrosion in old service pipes. Early in the year the quantity of water was deficient in the Dans Castle area, and after vigorous representation of the difficulties the Durham County Water Board spared no effort with a general improvement in the service. The Durham County Water Board is responsible for the bacteriological control of the water supply, no samples being taken officially by the authority.

There was no evidence of contamination of the water supply by lead.

No action was taken in respect of any form of contamination. All dwelling houses are supplied ~~inxxxxxxx~~ from public water mains direct to the houses.

No return is required under parts 1 and 8 of the Factories Act, 1937.

(SGD.) A. Charlton.

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